

DATE: January 28, 2013
TO: RMC Governing Board
FROM: Mark Stanley, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: Item 14: Consideration of a resolution approving a grant amendment with the City of Monrovia to extend the timeline for the Acquisition of Monrovia Hillside Wilderness Preserve (RMC08109).

PROGRAM AREA: Mountain, Hills and Foothills

PROJECT TYPE: Acquisition and Development

JURISDICTION: City of Monrovia

PROJECT MANAGER: Luz Torres

RECOMMENDATION: That the RMC authorize a grant amendment to the City of Monrovia for the Acquisition of Monrovia Hillside Wilderness Preserve to extend the timeline through June 30, 2013 (RMC08109).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Monrovia purchased 40 acres at the foothills of the Monrovia Hillside Wilderness Preserve in the City of Monrovia with access provided by the Lower Clamshell Motorway Trail. The grant amendment to extend the timeline through June 30, 2013 would utilize the remaining funds for trails improvements, installation of gates, and way-finding signage as approved by the RMC Board on September 26, 2011, Resolution 2011-25. The timeline extension will not increase the grant amount of \$1,318,000. In addition, the timeline extension meets the intent of the grant originally approved by the RMC Board.

BACKGROUND: The City of Monrovia completed the purchase of the Leonard Property (APN 3210-002-012, 3210-003-007, 3210-003-008 and 321-0003-009) located within the Monrovia Hillside Wilderness Preserve on the Lower Clamshell Motorway between Cloverleaf and Ridgecrest Drives in the foothills of Monrovia in November 2010 for a purchase price of \$1,198,997 including due diligence costs. Since the total grant amount to the City of Monrovia is \$1,318,000 a remaining balance of \$119,003 was available for trail improvements. The City is requesting to extend the timeline to expend the remaining funds for signage and trail restoration in accordance with RMC General Policies.

The City will utilize the remaining funds for restoration of the trail entrance, the existing trails and installation of way-finding signage. The acquired property is located within the center of the Monrovia Hillside Wilderness Preserve but access to the acquired property is not well marked and the trails are deteriorated. Therefore, the remaining funds will provide way-signage for the trailhead entrance, restoration of the trails and improved signage throughout the Lower Clamshell Motorway Trail. In addition, the City proposes to complete the project by their Public Works Department to further reduce the project cost.

The City of Monrovia has purchased over 512 acres since 2000 for the Monrovia Hillside Wilderness Preserve with funds from property owners who voted to tax themselves in 2000 to provide over \$10 million dollars for acquisition of foothill properties slated for development.

Additionally the vote set aside \$80,000 annually for maintenance of the Monrovia Hillside Wilderness Preserve. Currently the 40-acre Leonard Property was one of the last remaining privately owned parcels within the Monrovia Hillside Wilderness Preserve and a critical element in completing the Preserve. The acquisition of this property eliminated the potential for development of homes and allowed the City of Monrovia to own and manage a major portion of the Lower Clamshell Motorway trails connecting across the Preserve and protecting the federally endangered Braunton's milk vetch.

This grant is consistent with the RMC Resolution 2008-85 and 2011-25 and the City of Monrovia has submitted the necessary documents including the amended Timeline and Tasklist.

Exhibit A - City of Monrovia, request letter to amend the grant.

Exhibit B - Revised Budget

Exhibit C - Revised timeline and tasklist

Exhibit D- Project Location Map

FISCAL INFORMATION: The RMC authorized \$1,318,000 for land acquisition. The total cost for the acquisition of the 40 acre parcel was \$1,198,997 with a remaining balance of the grant for \$119,003. The RMC staff, upon review of the grant amendments for the budget, tasklist and timeline determined it met all the criteria elements for approval. The amended timeline through June 30, 2013 will not increase the total grant amount of \$1,318,000.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY AND RMC ADOPTED POLICIES/AUTHORITIES: This grant was initially authorized by the RMC on November 24, 2008 to the City of Monrovia under Resolution 2008-85 and on September 26, 2011, Resolution 2011-25.

Exhibit A
City of Monrovia Request to expand scope of work, budget and timeline

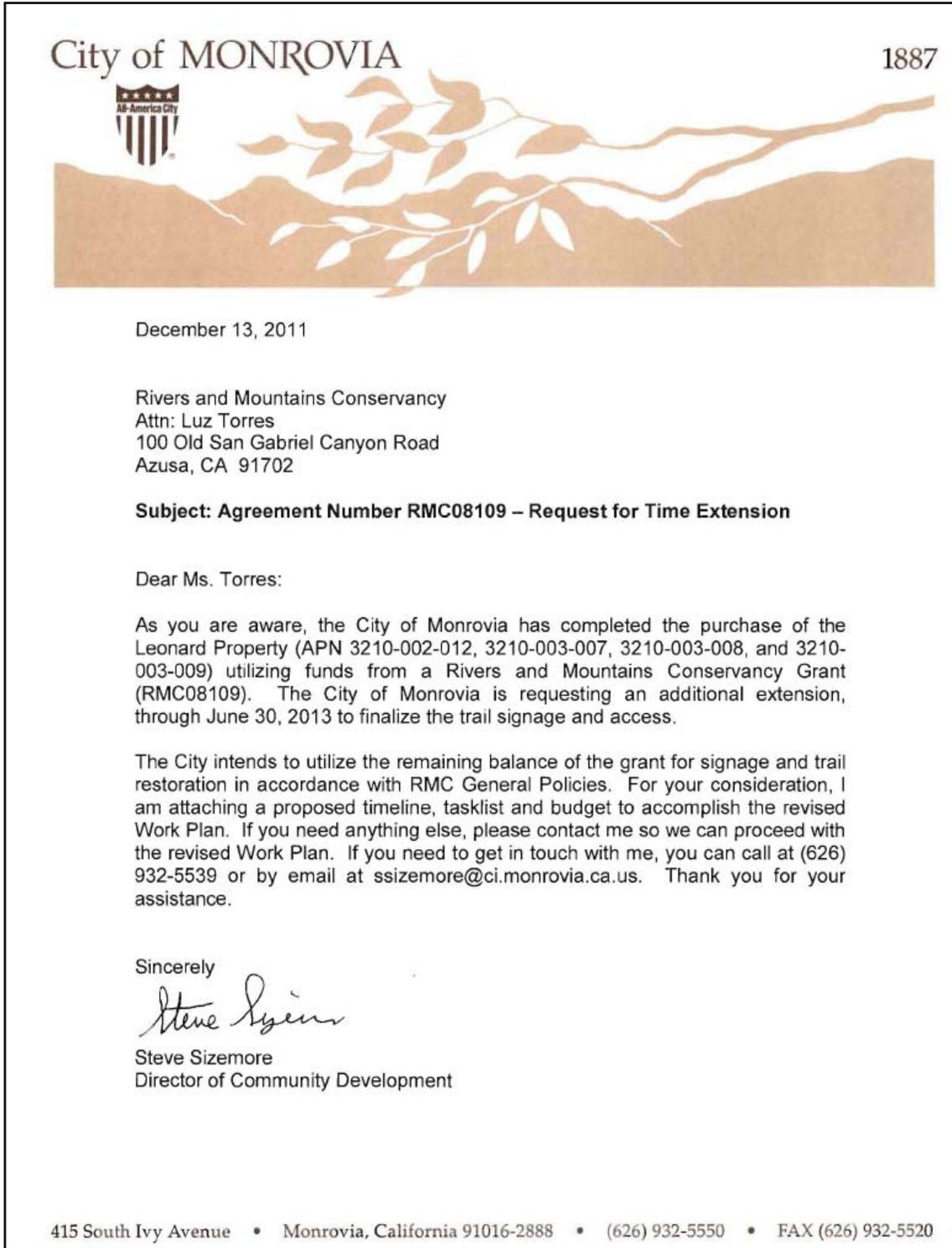


Exhibit B: Budget			
Project Task Detail by Project Phase	Unit Cost	Units	Total Cost
Acquisition and Related Costs (completed and paid)	\$1,198,997	1	\$1,198,997
Signage			
B & H Signs	\$1,685	1	\$ 1,685
Gaia Graphics	\$10,863	1	\$10,863
Access Documentation			
Richards, Watson & Gershon	\$3,534	1	\$ 3,534
Western States Surveying	\$10,675	1	\$10,675
Trail Improvements			
Installation of Gates/Amenities @ 4 access points	\$4,750	4	\$19,000
Construction of Access gates, Charlie's Fence Co	\$3,500	4	\$14,000
Engineering costs for Cloverleaf Roadway			\$44,397
Capital Equipment			
Bear Saver			\$ 9,800
Bow Wow Waste Products			\$ 3,327
Northern Tool & Equip			\$ 1,221
Home Depot – Trail Maintenance Equipment			\$ 500
		Sub Total	\$119,002
		Total	\$1,318,000

Exhibit C: Task List and Timeline		
Project Task Detail by Project Phase	Percent % Work Complete	Month/Year
1 Project Management	Completed	11/2010
Pre-acquisition work	Completed	11/2010
Project funding coordination	Completed	11/2010
Construction Management	50%	6/30/13
2. Escrow Closing Costs	Completed	11/2010
	Completed	11/2010
3. Acquisition of APNs 3210-002-012, 3210-003-007, 3210-003-008, 3210-003-009 90%		
4. Trail Signage, Access and restoration		
Document preparation (plans, survey, easements)	25%	2/15/13
Signage and Equipment	50%	2/15/13
Construction	25%	6/30/13

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RESOLUTION NO. 2013-03

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES
RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC) AUTHORIZING A
GRANT AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF MONROVIA FOR THE
ACQUISITION OF MONROVIA HILLSIDE WILDERNESS PRESERVE
TO EXTEND THE TIMELINE (RMC08109).

WHEREAS, The legislature has found and declared that the San Gabriel River and its tributaries, the Lower Los Angeles River and its tributaries, and the San Gabriel Mountains, Puente Hills, and San Jose Hills constitute a unique and important open space, environmental, anthropological, cultural, scientific, educational, recreational, scenic, and wildlife resource that should be held in trust to be preserved and enhanced for the enjoyment of, and appreciation by, present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, The people of the State of California have enacted the Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhoods, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2002 (Park Bond Act Proposition 40) which provides funds for the RMC Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, The people of the State of California have enacted the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 50), which provides funds for the RMC grant program; and

WHEREAS, The people of the State of California have enacted the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84), which provides funds for the RMC grant program; and

WHEREAS, The RMC may award grants to local public agencies, state agencies, federal agencies, and nonprofit organizations for the purposes of Division 22.8 the Public Resources Code; and

WHEREAS, The Applicant has submitted a project which is consistent with the purposes of Division 22.8 of the Public Resources Code and the Bond Act; and

WHEREAS, this action is exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and NOW

Therefore be it resolved that the RMC hereby:

1. FINDS that this action is consistent with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Act and is necessary to carry out the purposes and objectives of Division 22.8 of the Public Resources Code.
2. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.

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- 3. APPROVES a grant amendment to the City of Monrovia for Acquisition of Monrovia Hillside Wilderness Preserve 40 acre Leonard Property to extend the timeline through June 30, 2013 (RMC08109).
- 4. ADOPTS the staff report dated January 28, 2013.

~ End of Resolution ~

Motion _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____ Abstentions: _____

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS
CONSERVANCY on January 28, 2013.

Frank Colonna, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Terry Fujimoto
Deputy Attorney General